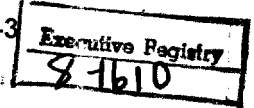


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My dear Mr. **Director** :

The increasing volume of requests for legislative clearance and coordination in this Congress has resulted in the accumulation in the Bureau of the Budget of a number of pending committee requests and agency reports for which we have not received sufficient information to give formal clearance.

Except in a relatively few cases, the Bureau has not answered committee requests nor cleared agency reports until the views of all interested agencies have been received. In most of the present cases pending, the Bureau has been unable to complete its action because of the lack of a report from one key agency. We believe that Executive Branch relationships with the Congress may make it necessary to take action on selected cases, without benefit of the views of all agencies. This approach will be used as sparingly as possible, however, and you will be advised in those instances where it becomes necessary to act without benefit of your views.

In order to expedite clearances, the Bureau is instituting a review of all pending legislative cases. As a first target, pending committee requests and agency reports received in the Bureau during calendar 1955 will be reviewed to determine the feasibility of completing action at an early date. Attached, for your information, is a list of the bills on which our records indicate that the views of your department are particularly needed. We urgently request that the cases be reviewed and that reports be provided wherever possible.

Sincerely yours,

Director

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